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TWO HOURS ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE

Prosecution Quickly Closes Its Evidence in the Famous Murder Trial.

YOUNG WHITE ON STAND

Son of the Murdered Man Tells of Last Dinner With His Father.

ONLY 8 WITNESSES EXAMINED

Defendant Hears the Evidence of the Prosecution's Witnesses Without

> a Sign of Emotion - Only Once Did He Show

> > Interest.

The case of the people against and shot him three times. Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, was presented to the jury today in less than two hours of the morning session of the trial, and this afternoon Attorney John B. Gleason began the opening address for the defense. Assistant District Attorney Francis P. Garvan outlined the case for the prosecution, occupying less than ten minutes in narrating in a conversational tone the events on the night of the tragedy. He did not go beyond the immediate events preceding the shooting on the Madison Square Roof Garden. The prosecution decided to let the evidence of actual facts prove the motive. "Mr. dress that Thaw's act was deliberate, premeditated and intentional murder. He walked up to the architect whom he had determined to kill, wheeled and faced him, and then fired a bullet into his brain. "Stanford White was dead," the prosecutor said, "but Thaw was determined to make death sure. He fired a second and a third time, and then in a cool manner faced the audience

The Thaw defense will be insanity. Special Dispatch to The Star.

quently there was no panic."

with a gesture which assured all who

saw it that the man had accomplish-

ed what he had intended. Conse-

NEW YORK, February 4.-The state's case against Harry K. Thaw, who is being tried for the murder of Stanford White, opened this morning and closed two hours later with all the direct evidence against the young Pittsburg millionaire before the twelve men who will judge him. Assistant District Attorney Garvin started to open for the people at exactly 10:45 o'clock. At 12:45 o'clock, when the last witness had stepped down from the stand, he said:

All the direct testimony which will be used to try to convict Harry K. Thaw of a motive for the killing. Simply the bare black bulldog revolver into the body and why the young man who sat and watched the witnesses so closely today should be compelled to give up his life in return for

No Feeling Shown. All through the morning session, while the witnesses depicted the scenes in the most dramatic incident of Thaw's profilgate ently no feeling or emotion showing on his face. Only once, when Coroner's Physician Lehane was telling of the wounds which fendant apparently affected by what he heard. Then he put his face down in his but his counsel, Mr. Peabody, who sat next in a moment he was in an erect position

Thaw's wife and mother and their actress friend, May McKenzie, will not have a chance to listen to the testimony either for or against the young man who is standing

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TWO CENTS.

Garvan had finished his opening speech the c'erk of the court announced that all witnesses must leave the room. Immediately Thaw's mother, his wife and May McKenzie got up and quietly walked out. If there was any doubt that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw would tell of the relations that existed in the triangle of which she, her husband and Stanford White formed the angles, it was dispelled this morning. It is also certain now that Thaw's mother will take the stand to tell of her son's earlier life and the symptoms of mental unbalance which he showed when he was yet a boy in Pittsburg.

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Three Times Shot.

The three women had sat without betraying any particular emotion, through the opening address by Mr. Garvan, but his speech was not one which was intended to harrow the minus of his listeners. It was very short, and was simply a straightforward presentation of what the state believed to be the facts without any attr pt at oratory and absolutely no introducion of personality. His only characterization of the act was contained in his last paragraph, when he said: "The people clai mthat this was a cruel, deliberate, malicious, premeditated taking of human life."

The testimony itself, except for young White, a handsome dark-haired young man who made a good imr ...sion on the stand had to do with the events at the Garden itwith his son and his son's friend, because the boys had neglected to get him tickets at the New Amsterdam, where they were going. He sat at a table near the rear of Thaw, who was at the show with a party of four or five, saw him and when he came out, dropped behind the party, went to the table where White was sitting, leaned over

the revolver high above his head in his around his neck, and cried, "but, Harry, know, dearie, but I probably saved your life." On these facts, all the witnesses agreed with practical unanimity. It was the district attorney's case.

Mr. Delmas, the Napoleon of the west, showed that he will do more than furnish the verbal fireworks. He cross-examined all the witnesses today and on him, will fall the brunt of carrying on Thaw's case.

Countess Not Present.

of the supreme court at the formal opening of the regular February terms postponed were seriously burned in a fire in Cherry Garvan declared in his opening ad- the opening today until 10:45 o'clock. The members of the Thaw party were in court except the Countess of Yarmouth, who, it jured because her fall was broken by a man is said, did not feel physically equal to the strain of listening to the district attorney's opening and the evidence against her brother.

It proved that Mr. Jerome could not bring about the dismissal of any more jurors, although there is no doubt that he tried to do so. There was a fifteen-minute conference between the district attorney, the lawyers for the defense and the judge, and everybody feared that the end of it would be a vacancy in the box and a resumption of the tedious examination of talesmen. But the moment the lawvers went back to their seats Assistant District Attorney Garvan began his opening address. He congratulated the jurors on the end of the long wait and asked that It not

be allowed to influence their verdict. "You must understand," continued Mr Garvan, "that the purpose of the criminal law is the protection of society. The criminal law is not designed for punishmen or revenge, but as a deterrent to protect society. As the importance of the case increases, so increases its importance to society. As the magnitude of the case grows, so grows its influence on society. As it be comes more and more widely known, the necessity of a just outcome becomes more important to the community.

"The defendant is accused of murder in the first degree. The state claims that on June 25, in this city, he shot and killed Stanford White, with premeditation and intect. Sunday night he spent with his wife and family at their summer home at St. James, Long Island. Monday night he returned to his city home and met his son and his son's chum, Leroy King." Mr. Garvan told of the dinner at Martin's and the drive around to the New York Roof Garden. Afterward White himself went to the Madison Square Garden.

Story of the Shooting.

"This garden is arranged in two aisles of chairs and beside them tables, with four or five chairs around each. Mr. White sat at one of these tables, thirty-five feet from the door. He was alone. The defendant was at a table with his wife, Truxton Beale and a man named McAliff. "The defendant got up and went around

the table. Then he saw Mr. White. "After the second act the defendant's party went out. Thaw dropped behind. When he got to Mr. White's table he took out a revolver and shot him through the brain. Not content, he shot him again, and still not content, he shot him once again, Then Mr. \/hite's body fell to the floor and the defendant faced the audience with the revolver turned down and held by the barrel. The audience understood that he mean that what he had intended to do was done. A fireman came up and threw his arms around his neck. He was arrested, taken

"The people claim that this was a cruel, deliberate, malicious, premeditated taking of human life. This, gentlemen, is the case

to the police station and subsequently in

which you have to try.' The speech took exactly twenty minutes. Mr. Garvan spoke without the slightest attempt at oratory, in a low, gentle voice which was almost monotonous. There was no attempt whatever to startle the hearers with dramatic climaxes or a show of feel-

Murdered Man's Son on Stand. The clerk then ordered all witnesses ou of court and three of the Thaw party, Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, Mrs. William Thaw and May

McKenzie left the room.

Lawrence White, son of Thaw's victim, was the first witness. He said he was the society, whose tears have been unable nineteen years old and a student at Har- as yet to efface the scars from the hands



WOMEN LEAP FROM BURNING BUILDING IN NEW YORK.

Special Dispatch to The Star. street early this morning. Three of them were women and one a man. One of the wemen may die. One woman was uninon whose head and shoulders she landed when she jumped. Another woman, who met with the same experience, went to a hospital with sprained ankles.

The ground floor of the building was occupied by the rag shop of Glanbathsta Cutrilla, the second floor by John Dermody, his wife Anna and his children, Katle, seven years old, and Thomas, four years old. Above the Dermodys lived the Cahill, Hemlock and Haddon families. Mary Hemlock, thirty-five years old, was shockingly burned, and little hope is expressed for her. She was removed to the Hudson Street Hospital. Daniel Cahill, forty-eight years old, was also taken there. Maggie Cahill was removed to Gouverneur Hospital and Maggie Smith to St. Gregory's.

Alarm Sounded by Dog.

William Sullivan of 55 Cherry street and James Rawley of 33 Madison street were on their way home after midnight, and as they approached the tenement they heard the Dermody dog barking and howling. The two men beat in the door leading to the stairway and discovered that it was all aflame. Sullivan and Rawley hurried to a fire box and sent in an alarm, then returned to the burning building.

The tenants, suddenly awakened, hurried to the windows in affright. Mrs. Dermody disregarded warning shouts from below and leaped from a window on the Cherry street side. She landed on the head and shoulders of a man in the crowd, and rolled off, being merely stunned by the shock. Maggie Smith also sprang from a window, landing on the head and shoulders of Sullivan. She was not so fortunate as Mrs. Dermody, but, although both her ankles were badly sprained, she remained near the fire for an hour as if fascinated by it and unable to leave. Policeman Toohey found her and

When the flames became too threatening John Dermody picked up his two children Kate and Tom, and, placing kandkerchiefs over their faces, dropped them carefully one after the other to outstretched hands below. Then, satisfied that the children had been safely caught, Dermody climbed out, and, hanging to the window sill for a noment, dropped to the street unhurt. Mary Hemlock was carried out unconsclous by Lieut. Bernstein of engine 7 and Capt. Sullivan of engine 12./ The Cahill

The rest of the tenants escaped. BRANDED GIRL'S HANDS.

family were rescued in the same manner.

Nitric Acid Used in Indianapolis Society's Initiation. Special Dispatch to The Star.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., February 4 .- "Let the victim now prepare to be branded with the insignia of our noble order." With these words Miss Hazel Reisner was initiated into a high school society. In con-

centrated nitric acid on the back of each

of the school girl's hands were traced the mystic letters of the organization. That was three weeks ago. Last evening Dr. E. E. Hodgen, who has been attending the burned hands of Miss Reisner, said that the scars of the burns received in the branding will remain with the young woman through life. After three weeks of suffering the hands are healing, but the

branding has created a sensation which

will not immediately die out.

Dr. Hodgen says that the solution used must have been a very strong one of concentrated nitric acid, and his opinion is verified by the statements of the members of "Where were you on Sunday, June 24?" of the victim. The scars mark both hands on the back in livid lettering and about

Did Not Give the Alleged Interview

Published With Him.

Admiral George Dewey was much incensed today when his attention was called to what purported to be an interview with the Japanese situation, in which he is aleged to have stated, among other things, that war with this country would be disasmake the statements attributed to me, and

Powers' Trial to Be Continued.

LEXINGTON, Ky., February 4.-When the case of Caleb Powers, charged with penitentiary twice and given a death penalty once.

Italian Grocer Killed. Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, February 4.-Antonio Lom-

about sixty years old. The grocer was about to pass him when he drew a re-

Lord Grey's Daughter Dead. OTTAWA, February 4.-Lady Grenfell. eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Grey, died at Government House early today. She

had been suffering from typhoid fever, but was said to be recovering when she had a



Senator Perkins

REBELLION BECOMES A SERIOUS MENACE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

VICTORIA, B. C., February 4.- The steamer Tartar, which arrived last night, brought advices that the revolution in central China ernment. A junction between the rebels of Hunan and Kwang Tung is threatened. with the result that a formidable revolt will follow. Sun Yatsen, the Kwang Tung rebel leader, who escaped from the Chinese legation in London some years ago in a sensational manner, is living in Tokio, Japan, and is organizing the revolution, which he says in an interview is expected to achieve the fall of the present Manchu dynasty within three years.

The rebels hold all the mountain fast nesses on the borders of Hunan and Kiangsi, and all attempts of the imperial troops to dislodge them have failed. In conse quence of the rebellion, Chinese authorities at Shanghai are adopting vigorous meas ures to check the importation of arms and ammunition. Agents of the revolutionists have been sent to the United States and Europe to purchase war material. Collusion has been found to exist between agents of the rebels and the traders to import arms under the guise of goods. Up to date 20,000 imperial troops, with cavalry and artillery, the present system of selling land, but dehave been sent against the rebels, but have failed to achieve anything.

Advices from foreigners who visited the district say it is doubtful whether the revolution can be suppressed, should all the he sent. The leader of the revolutionists is Nung Chuntal, from Siang Tang, and placards issued by him state that the rebellion is aimed at the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty. Signs of unrest are reported from many places in China.

Dispatches to the Achal from Mukden state that an outbreak against the dynasty is expected in Manchuria, where a battalion of Chinese troops has murdered its officers. At Peking exceptional precautions are being taken, police and palace guards being doubled. Warnings have been sent by Vicelarge numbers of secret society men from the Yang Tse valley are flocking to Peking.

FLUCTUATIONS IN COTTON. Resolution Calling for Investigation Passed by the House.

The House today passed a resolution call ng upon the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, through the bureau of corporations, to investigate the causes of the fluctuations in the price of cotton and the difference in the market price of the various classes of cotton. The investigation is to be conducted with the part'cular object of ascertaining whether or not the fluctuations in the prices have resulted in whole or in part from the character of contracts and deliveries thereon made on the cotton exchanges dealing in futures or is the result of any combination or conspiracy which interferes with or hinders commerce among the several states and territories or with foreign

Mr. Burleson of Texas, in explaining the purpose of the resolution, said it was to ascertain whether the contract sold on the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges brings about a violent fluctuation In the price of cotton, and whether or not the contract sold enables the members of the exchanges by combination among them-selves to bring about a depression by rea-son of the fact that under the terms of the contract they would be authorized to deliver any one of thirty grades of cotton. It is claimed that the difference between the price of spots and futures at New York at this time is more than \$1.50 per bale, and that this difference exerts an injurious influence on the price paid for cotton.

SERVICE PENSION BILL Measure Passed by the House by 198 to 20.

Chairman Sulloway of New Hampsi the committee on invalid pensions which passed the Senate January 15, inMr. Sulloway stated that, in his opinion, it would not increase the pension appropriation more than \$6,000,000, although it has been estimated that it would add at least \$15,000,000 to the yearly pension budget.

Efforts were made to amend the bill, but Mr. Sulloway, on behalf of the joint com-mittees of invalid pensions and pensions, said that he was instructed to oppose any

mendment.
Mr. Stephens of Texas wanted to know if the men engaged in protecting the frontier from Indians during the civil war were included in the bill.

Mr. Loudenslager of New Jersey, chair-

mr. Loudensiager of New Jersey, chairman of the committee on pensions, said that they were not, but thought by the close of the next Congress tardy justice would be done to these veterans. The bill was passed—ayes, 196; nays, 20.

The bill provides that persons having reached the age of sixty-two years shall receive 112 per month; seventy years.

ceive \$12 per month; seventy years, \$16; seventy-five years, \$20, the pension to commence from the date of filing the application. The bill is familiarly known as the McCumber service pension bill, and now goes to the President for approval.

THREE DEAD; FOUR BURNED. Result of Explosion in West Virginia

Mine. ELKINS, W. Va., February 4.-Three niners are dead and four horring burned as the result of an explosion today in mine No. 25 of the Davis Coal and Coke Company at Thomas, near here. It is not known how large the list of casualties may grow until further investigation, as mere s no way of determining how many men were in the mine at the time of one ex-

The explosion occurred before all the men had entered the mine. A number standing at the entrance to the shaft were hurled in every direction by the force of the explosion and seriously injured.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN KILLED. Three Meet Death in Ruins of Burned Building.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., February 4 .-Three volunteer firemen were killed and four injured, one of them probably fatally, early today while working on the ruins of the Mead building, which was destroyed by fire last night. The dead are:

John Chester Cromwell, thirty years old, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, of which institution his father is

president. Charles E. Cooley, thirty years, a real estate agent. Caleb Underhill, thirty-two years old,

Caleb Underniii, thirty-two years old, a liveryman.

The injured are:
Emil Burgess, thirty-four years old, a candy manufacturer, probably fatally.
Charles Sutton, both legs broken.
Charles Ambruster, both legs broken.
Stephen D. Lyon, burned about the body.

GAVE FRANCE MALMAISON. ine's Chateau, Is Dead.

PARIS, February 4.- Daniel Osiris, the philanthropist , who, in 1890, presented Malmaison to the French nation, is dead. Malmaison was the residence of Empress Josephine from 1798 until her death in 1814. M. Oslris spent a large sum of money in restoring Malmaison and gathering together in the famous chateau some f its former fittings and furniture. He also employed noted artists to obliterate the traces of pillage left by the Prussians

AGAINST PRESIDENT'S VIEW.

House Committee Opposed to Lease of All Government Coal Lands.

Several test votes were taken by the House committee on public lands today to determine what the attitude of the committee is toward President Roosevelt's policy of leasing all government coal lands. The committee voted against a general leasing system for coal lands, but by the vote of 5 to 4 favored a plan to lease such lands in limited areas. Another vote showed that the committee still favors the retention of sires that there be modifications in the present plan which will make fraud more

It was decided by the committee that hereafter all patents issued under entries made for public lands under all laws except the coal land laws shall contain a reservation of the coal under the land. This is desired to prevent the acquisition of coal land under the pretense that it is farming or grazing land.

The committee will meet again Wednes day to consider the coal land question, and at that time will probably frame a bill emoodying the provisions voted upon at today's meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS. roy Chang Chih Tung and Tuan Fang that A Number of Selections Sent to the Senate.

> The President today sent to the Senate he following nominations: To be a member of the California debris ommission-Capt. Thomas H. Jackson, Corps of Engineers.

To be assistant appraiser of merchandise n the district of Baltimore, Md.-Richard J. Bruce. To be collector of internal revenue for the

sixth district of Missouri-Charles G. Bur-To be surveyors of customs-For the port of Denver, Col., Winfield S. Boynton; for the port of Sioux City, Iowa, James H. Bol-

To be registers of land offices-Edward E. Armour, at Sterling, Col.; John E. Evans, at North Platte, Neb.; Lawrence N. Hous-

ton, at Guthrie, Okla.

To be receiver of public moneys at North
Platte, Neb.—William H. C. Woodhurst.

Funeral of Dr. Rodriguez.

Arrangements have been perfected for the uneral of the late Dr. Jose Ignacio Rodriguez, chief translater and librarian of the American republics. The services will take place at St. Matthew's Church at 10 o'clock tomorrow and interment will be at Mount Olivet cemetery. The honorary pallbearers will be John Barrett, director of the American bureau of republics; William C. Fox, American minister to Ecuador; Senor Luis F. Corea, minister from Nicaragua; Senor N. Veloz-Golticoa, commissioner of Latin-America at the Jamestown exposition; Dr. John R. Buck of the State Department, and Mr. Frank Richardson.

The active pallbearers will be the members of the Rodriguez family.

Three Men Burned; Others Injured. PITTSBURG, Pa., February 4.-While orkmen at open furnace No. 1 of the Carpouring molten steel into a steel ingot mold today, an explosion occurred and the liquid

Snow tonight and tomorrow; not much change in

Weather.

temperature.

HIS INVESTIGATION

Inquiring Into the Trouble at Brownsville.

HEARING BY SENATORS

Sergeant Harris of the 25th Infantry Examined.

TELLS OF NIGHT OF AUGUST 13

Saw No Shooting Inside the Walls of Fort Brown-Describes Roll Call and Inspection.

The investigation by the Senate committee on military affairs of the Brownsville, Texas, affray was begun today. Israel Harris, formerly sergeant of Company D, 25th Infantry, was the only witness. He testified that he saw no shooting from inside the walls of the fort on the night of August 13. He told about being awakened by the shooting, the call to arms, the patrol of the town and the inspection of rifles next morning. His testimony tended to show that the pieces could not have been cleaned after the alleged shooting before they were inspected.

resolution providing for an investigation into the rioting at Brownsville of last August was begun at 10:30 o'clock today. There were just thirteen witnesses waiting to be heard when the committee assembled, with Senator Warren acting as chairman, and Senators Foraker, Lodge; Scott, Overman, Foster, Blackburn, Warner, Pettus, Hemenway, Bulkley and Taliaferro present. When the committee met there were in waiting in the corridors adjoining the military affairs room thirteen colored men who had formerly been members of the three were involved in the Brownsville affair. There were a large number of other colored men, which swelled the number to thirty or forty. Later a fourteenth witness

The first hearing by the Senate commit-

tee on military affairs on Senator Foraker's

were Israel Harris, Mingo Sanders, W. H. Miller, Edward L. Daniels, Lutner T. Thorn-ton, Charles H. Madlson, Winter Washing-ton, Albert H. Roland, Francois L. Altmann, Watlington, Franklin, Dessoure, Jackson and Elmer Brown. The first and only witness examined today presented a well-set-up appearance, being of light build, but soldierly. He is a light colored man and stated that he is now employed as porter of Elliott National Bank in Boston, Mass. He was at once taken in hand by Senator Foraker and said that he was duty sergeant on the night of August 13. His answers were concise and straight-forward and he did not contrauct himself

throughout the hearing. Cleaning the Springfield Rifle.

His testimony involved a good deal of detail that will probably not appear or be called for when other witnesses are placed on the stand. It involved a detailed description of the operation of cleaning a gun and the regulations that petrain to the control of a company of soldiers in relation to the care of arms and ammunition, the method of calling the roll and of determining if any one is absent.

The testimony in relation to cleaning a Springfield rifle, which was the kind used by Company D last August, was illus in view of the committee. He deciared that be necessary in order to clean a rifle, and that it would be pretty hard to do it in that s taken in order that a soldier shall fire no more nor less than the number of cart-ridges given to him, and declared that it would not be possible for a man to retain a cartridge under the strict rules that are

The witness was first questioned by Senator Foraker, who went very thor-oughly into the case in respect to these several operations that come within the scope of the duty of a soldier. When Senator Foraker had finished with the witness other senators cross-questioned him. Senator Warner brought out a statement from the witness to the effect that after the shooting on the night of August 13 there was no discussion among the soldiers of Company D as to its cause, although there had been discussions con-cerning other disturbances in the town, and especially in regard to the treatment that had been accorded to soldiers in saloons and elsewhere. The witness said that he heard no discussion on the Brownsville affair of August 13 except that some of the men wondered what was to be done about it; what would happen

n consequence.

Both Senator Lodge and Senator Foster and retiterated it in other forms, but the witness was positive that at no time had he heard among the men any discussion of the trouble of the night of the 13th, except that some of them wondered what

No Shooting Inside the Walls. He began his testimony by replying to what had happened within his knowledge on the night of the 13th of August at Brownsville. He stated that on that night orders were given that the men should be n at 8 o'clock, and he had gone to bed at , sleeping upstairs in the barracks. At about 12 o'clock he was aroused by the olse of guns, and he got up and began dressing, but before he had finished dressng there was a call to arms. There were

o lights, and he hurrled putting on his in which guns are put in racks, saying that there were four racks in that barracks, one for each company. On the top of the racks was an additional place for revolvers. A band of iron passing about the racks made it secure and it was then locked in place with a Yale lock, there being a separate key for each of the racks. The same method was used in locking the revolvers in the

was scattered in all directions. Three men it had commenced, but he saw no one fire were seriously burned and several more